

## Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

The 'Speak Out Challenge' is run by the Jack Petchey scheme and is an annual event held at Queensmead School.

It involved a number of Year 10 students developing their public speaking skills through a variety of different activities.

The four finalists from the previous round; Hannah Ward, Alicia Payne, Jack Ferguson and Ilwad Kamal, were invited to present a short speech in front of their year group during assembly on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Everyone in the audience was captivated by the interesting topics of discussion that each of the speakers had e.g. Ilwad's was about how she regards her mother as her heroine.

Each of the four finalists were judged on content, delivery and structure of their speeches.

It was a tough call for the judging teachers to decide on a winner. However, I am delighted to say that Hannah Ward was selected as the champion and will be representing Queensmead in the Regional Finals on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010.



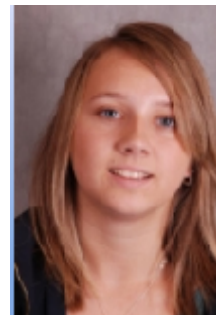
*Dr. Bahar*  
G & T Co-ordinator



## Jack Petchey Award

The Jack Petchey Award this month went to Christina Alley one of our Post 16 students for excellent academic achievement in Dance.

This is the third month in a row that a Post 16 student has been awarded The Jack Petchey prize.



## Dates for your diary

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|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>December</b>  | Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec | Year 13 Consultation Evening |
|  | Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Year 11 Consultation Evening |
|  | Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Christmas Concert            |
| <b>End of Term - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>       |                          |                              |
| <b>Start of Term – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011</b> |                          |                              |



## Hillingdon Youth Council Conference



On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Jack Haynes, Harley Jones, Lindsey Price, Karim Radwan and Rebecca Sutherland attended the Hillingdon Youth Council Conference as delegates from Queensmead School.

### Charity Fundraising

Post 16 students organised the British Legion Poppy Collection and once again the collection boxes were full.

The total raised was £194.

### Post 16 Open Evening Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November Queensmead opened its doors to Year 11 students and their parents for Post 16 Open Evening.

Post 16 Ambassadors took external students on tours of our very impressive facilities including the purpose built study centre and Gym and Sports Hall.

There was a presentation on both the academic and extra-curricular aspects of Post 16 life followed by a Course Fair.

Staff and Post 16 students were again available to answer questions about our wide range of over thirty five courses.

The motto for the evening was that "There really is something for everyone at Queensmead".

The deadline for the applications is 10<sup>th</sup> December.

*Mrs Classick*

Head of Post 16 Education



Jack Haynes reports:

"The day started with some socialising activities such as having to design a complex on a piece of land. This was a great way of getting to know everyone and to get in to the swing of things.

Next came the Question and Answer session with local councilors on matters such as crime and environmental issues. Then those seeking to be candidates for the UK Youth Parliament delivered their manifestos to the conference. After this, all of the delegates voted and the results were announced.

It was a fun day and gave us an insight into how the council works. It encouraged people to get involved with more events happening within the borough. A very enjoyable experience and I would recommend people attending in future."

Congratulations to all five students for their participation in local democracy and especially Jack himself, who was too modest to include in his report that he was successfully nominated as a candidate for the UK Youth Parliament.

Jack will be one of six candidates standing for election in Hillingdon next February and we wish him well in his campaign.

*Mr Gallagher*

History/Law Department

## Geography Trip

On Friday 5th November the AS geographers went on a field trip to Norfolk.

The trip was organised so that we could see coastal erosion, flooding and rural unequal spaces first hand, as our January exam will include real life case studies.

On Saturday it was raining and very windy, nevertheless we still managed to visit four destinations.

At Overstrand we did beach and groyne profiles, at Sea Palling we drew a sketch and annotated the coastal defences, at Happisburgh we conducted a cost-benefit analysis and finally at Bacton we created a flood risk map.

Our tour guide was so lovely he arranged for us to do rock climbing in the evening, after the rural unequal spaces introduction. The whole group did very well and everyone had a go at climbing the walls.

By Sunday we were all very tired, however, we still had work to do so we visited two towns and analysed the levels of deprivation before making the long journey home. A huge thank you to Miss Tierney and Mr Luck for organising this trip.

*Paige Bond* and *Lindsey Price*  
Post16 Students



## Dance Challenge Performance

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, nine students from Year 10 and Year 12 dance took part in a dance performance at The Compass Theatre.

The performance saw primary and secondary schools from the borough of Hillingdon come together to showcase dance talent.

The performance was also in preparation for the "Dance Challenge" competition due to be held at The Beck Theatre in February 2011.

Queensmead School took a small dance group who had been working hard in rehearsals after school to put together a contemporary dance.

The performers looked extremely professional on stage and were a credit to the school throughout the morning.

This was a great opportunity to give students studying dance at Queensmead for BTEC or A' Level the chance to perform in front of a large audience.



## Christmas Concert

Queensmead School's Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

The evening will include a range of dance and musical items with refreshments being served during the foyer in the interval.

I look forward to seeing many of you there.

*Miss Rowthorn*

Head of Performing Arts Department



## 100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 100% attendance during the last academic year. It is certainly the case that excellent attendance is a key factor in helping students to achieve the highest levels in school performance.

The attendance rate last year was 94.1% and we are looking forward to the figure continuing to improve year on year.

### Year 8

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Chloe Baker            | 8e |
| Michael Barley         | 8a |
| Chelsea Bowes          | 8b |
| Robbie Burton          | 8f |
| Harina Chandhok        | 8g |
| Gregory Hadjini Colaou | 8b |
| Hiral Kotak            | 8d |
| Manisha Mistry         | 8e |
| Terrence Nti           | 8g |
| Samuel Parritt-Gell    | 8a |
| Anya Patel             | 8c |
| Racquel Quinn          | 8a |
| Rhiannon Salisbury     | 8c |
| Sara Sheriff           | 8e |
| Harry Smith            | 8e |
| Darvin Sridharan       | 8a |
| Henry Townsend         | 8f |

### Year 9

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| James Allen            | 9d |
| Anoojh Aruleeswaran    | 9e |
| George Barley          | 9e |
| Aimee Bengier          | 9e |
| Joel Clarke            | 9f |
| Michel El-Homssi       | 9b |
| Melissa Foster         | 9b |
| Emma Hiblen            | 9d |
| Zoe Hoare              | 9c |
| Mirusha Jegatheeswaran | 9a |
| Judit Lengyel          | 9c |
| Inderjeet Loyal        | 9f |

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Hannah Luck      | 9a |
| Dylan Nathwani   | 9b |
| Michael Ogunjimi | 9e |
| Rhiannon Quinn   | 9f |
| Roshni Ruparelia | 9e |

### Year 10

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Drew Abercrombie | 10f |
| Jason Carter     | 10b |
| Katie Dhaliwal   | 10e |
| Alicia Payne     | 10e |
| Hannah Ward      | 10e |

### Year 11

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Amanda Awadzi    | 11e |
| Joshua Glynn     | 11e |
| Lauren Henderson | 11b |
| Tenisa James     | 11a |
| Sukdeep Loyal    | 11b |
| Nathanial Powell | 11c |
| Sabin Rai        | 11a |
| Marcel Rockland  | 11b |

### Post 16

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Natasha Lee       | P16h |
| Astha Lutra       | P16b |
| Lauren McMahon    | P16j |
| Daniel West       | P16j |
| Anthony Wetherill | P16b |

*Mr Lynch*

Assistant Headteacher

## PE

### Year 10 Netball

A massive well done to the Year 10 Netball Team who played in the Hillingdon Borough Netball Rally at St Helen's on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

With twelve schools from the borough entered into the tournament the girls managed to secure an extremely respectable fourth place.

The team have been developing their set plays and team strategies in practices on Tuesdays and were able to employ these effectively in all the fourteen minute matches they played.

On a final note it was an absolute pleasure to accompany, officiate and coach the team. They were all outstanding ambassadors for Queensmead School.

#### Netball squad

Melissa McAndrew

Katie Dhaliwal

Hannah Ward

Uche Udo

Denise Ndlovu

Sophie Dhaliwal

Hannah Stuart (Year 9)

Kaia Isaacs

Ashleigh Dowman

The team has one final league game to play after Christmas against St Helen's and are hoping to reverse the result from this tournament and win.

### Year 11 Netball

Congratulations to the Year 11 Netball Team who came third in the Hillingdon Borough Versatility Netball Tournament.

The idea of this tournament is that all the girls have to pick bibs from a bag for each match and then play that position for the entirety of each game.

All girls are to be commended for their positivity; in fact they seemed to play with more conviction than when playing in their normal positions.

Well done to:

Emma Wallace

Danielle Anderson

Coral Lutteridge

Amy Anderson

Jameela Abdul Rahim

Danielle Rosario

Lauren Simmons

*Mrs Wallace*

PE Department

### Football

The Year 10 football team beat a strong Vyners team 5-2 with some excellent inter play from the midfield and forwards.

It was a real team performance with all players working for each other and never giving up.

The Year 7 team had a tough encounter against the same school but managed to get a 2-2 draw out of the game.

The Year 7 league is very competitive with schools taking points from each other and it will be very interesting to see who makes it through to the semi-finals.

Mr Levin and his coaching staff have been working hard with the team and this is paying off with some good performances.

The Year 9's went out in the third round of the county cup with a 3-1 defeat away against St Ignatius School in Enfield.

## Rugby

The Year 9 rugby team had another emphatic win over Bishopshalt, in a shortened game due to the lack of light which is having an impact on extra curricular fixtures.

When the team hit top form there is no other school in the borough who can keep up with them and this was evident by this performance.

On the same night the mixed Year 7 and Year 8 team also played against Bishopshalt but were second best against some very strong players who were mainly in Year 8 and were just too physical for some of our boys.

*Mr McKenna*  
PE Department



## Spanish

Would you like to learn Spanish for fun/work or for your holidays?

Did you know the government is proposing that more students will learn a language up to 16?

Why not get ready for your holiday or prepare to help your child learn Spanish. We are offering the opportunity for parents to try some online beginners' lessons.

Learn here at the school with an interactive Spanish programme and a member of staff. Beginners and beyond.

If you are interested, please e-mail the school with your name, telephone number and preferred days and times.

*Mrs Mepham*  
Head of Modern Foreign Languages  
queens@hillingdongrid.org

## Surveys

When parents attend a parental information evening at Queensmead they are always given the opportunity to give us some feedback on the event itself, and how they think their child is progressing at school in general.

We do read the responses to the questionnaires and try to address any issues that may have been raised, on either a collective or individual basis (if the parent opts to include their name).

For example, staff have been reminded about the importance of keeping to appointment times, and trying to respect confidentiality. Unfortunately not all issues can be so easily addressed, for example the level of noise in the hall.

So if you are asked at the next event you attend to complete a survey, please do so in the knowledge that we will read your comments, and act upon them where appropriate. The survey takes no more than five minutes to complete.

Feedback from the last two events:

### Year 10 Evening

90% said the event was good

86% said the event was well organised

### Post 16 Evening

96% thought the event was good

91% thought the individual subject presentations were good

96% thought the information packs were good

*Miss Hardwick*  
Assistant Headteacher

# The Challenge

The Challenge offers Year 11 students from London, West Midlands and the North West the chance to take part in a rewarding summer programme chosen as the model for the DfE's National Citizen Service policy.

The Challenge aims to inspire and connect a diverse range of young people to strengthen their communities. It incorporates a three week full-time programme of personal development followed by a part time community social action project and ongoing volunteering opportunities.

For more information go to :

[www.the-challenge.org](http://www.the-challenge.org)

The screenshot shows the website for 'The Challenge'. At the top left is the logo 'THE CHALLENGE' with an upward arrow. To its right is the text '3 WEEKS 12 TEAMMATES 1 UNBEATABLE EXPERIENCE'. On the top right, there are links for 'Meets | Contact Us', 'TEXT US 07503 849 738', 'JOIN US', and a Facebook icon. Below this is a search bar. A navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Young people', 'Parents', 'Aunties', 'About us', 'Finders', 'Work with us', 'Be a partner', and 'Gallery'. The 'Parents' page is active, with a sidebar menu containing 'Parents', 'What is The Challenge?', 'Week 1: The Personal Challenge', 'Week 2: The Team Challenge', 'Week 3 and beyond: The Real Challenge', 'Why do The Challenge?', 'Safety', and 'Questions?'. The main content area is titled 'Parents' and contains the following text: 'The Challenge is an exciting opportunity for 15-16 year olds in the summer after year 11. The Challenge will help your child gain confidence and develop the abilities. Along the way, they'll strengthen some friendships, create new ones and enjoy an unforgettable experience. The Challenge is: a way for young people to gain the skills they can't master at school - the real world skills that employers and universities look for; a chance for your child to gain confidence and develop their abilities; an opportunity for your child to learn leadership, management, communication and organisational skills. Want to know more? Find out more [about The Challenge](#), and why your child should [do it](#).' To the right of the text are two photographs: one of two young women in blue jackets and one of a young woman holding a portrait of an elderly woman. A testimonial reads: 'My husband and I were amazed. She went away with The Challenge for 3 weeks and she came back BLOWN UP.' Below this is the text 'Parent of 2009 Challenge participant, Dulwich'.